

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1007

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A RESOLUTION acknowledging and expressing support for
Tennessee farmers markets.

WHEREAS, farmers markets across the State are important outlets for agricultural producers to increase marketing opportunities, thus bolstering farm income; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's more than sixty-five farmers markets offer consumers fresh, affordable, convenient, and healthy products, such as fruits, vegetables, beef, pork, poultry, cheeses, milk, herbs, fish, plants, trees, flowers, baked goods, artisan foods, and other agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets serve as integral links between urban, suburban, and rural communities, affording farmers and their customers meeting places and opportunities to interact; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets are indicative of strong and vibrant communities and boost urban, metropolitan, and rural economies through the ripple effect of chain consumer spending; and

WHEREAS, farmers support local anti-hunger initiatives and programs that feed those in need, to which farmers donate unsold food and food products; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee farmers markets serve as superior providers of locally grown food in a centralized location, thereby assisting in the conservation of energy resources; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets provide agricultural products to consumers at more modest distances, thus preserving freshness and nutritional value in addition to exhibiting farm products grown in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the State of Tennessee strongly support and promote the development and operation of farmers markets and other direct-to-consumer marketing activities for agricultural producers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby acknowledge the important role farmers markets play in our communities and pledge to further the expansion and awareness of farmers markets and of the contributions farmers make to daily life in Tennessee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all the people of the State of Tennessee to celebrate the benefits of farmers markets and the bountiful production of our State's farmers, who simultaneously provide for our needs and serve as admirable stewards of our land.